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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SWEL, AFSP, LA
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FLOODING IN VIENTIANE

1. LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PLATTANA CHOUNLAMANY BRIEFED REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AUGUST 15 ON THE POSSIBILITY OF FLOODING IN VIENTIANE CITY. PLATTANA SAID THAT SOME AREAS IN VIENTIANE PROVINCE AND IN PAKSE WERE ALREADY UNDER WATER AND WARNED THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE MEKONG WAS ALREADY ABOVE THE 12 METER DANGER LEVEL FOR VIENTIANE AND MAY CONTINUE TO RISE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, PLATTANA SUGGESTED THAT A) EMBASSY EMPLOYEES LIVING ON LOW GROUND SHOULD MOVE OUT OF THEIR HOUSES (ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES' HOUSES ARE ON RELATIVELY HIGH GROUND); B) EMBASSIES SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN CASE CITY WATER AND ELECTRICITY ARE SHUT OFF; C) EMBASSIES SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES ON HAND IN CASE COMMUNICATION WITH THAILAND IS INTERRUPTED.

3. PLATTANA ALSO WARNED THAT IF THE RIVER CONTINUED
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TO RISE, THE AIRPORT MAY BE FLOODED AS WAS THE CASE IN 1966. VIENTIANE WOULD THEN BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED.

4. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE ACTIONS SUGGESTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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